Supporting information for:

Steam explosion pretreatment of softwood - the effect of the explosive decompression on enzymatic digestibility

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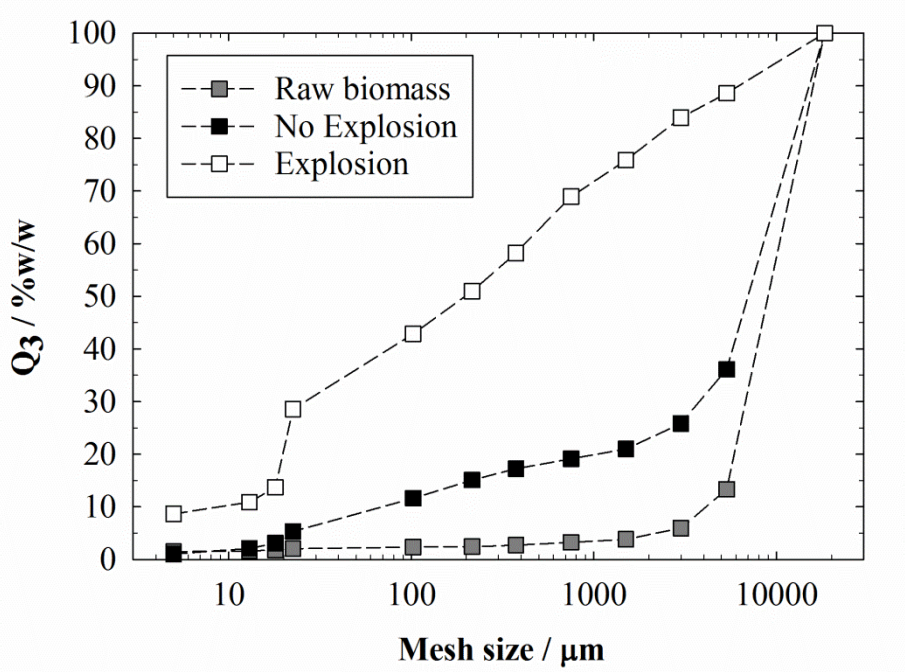

Fig. S1 Cumulative particle-size distribution of raw biomass and biomass pretreated with and without explosion. Pretreatment conditions: logR_0=4.7 (T=235 °C, t=5 min), Δp explosion=30 bar.

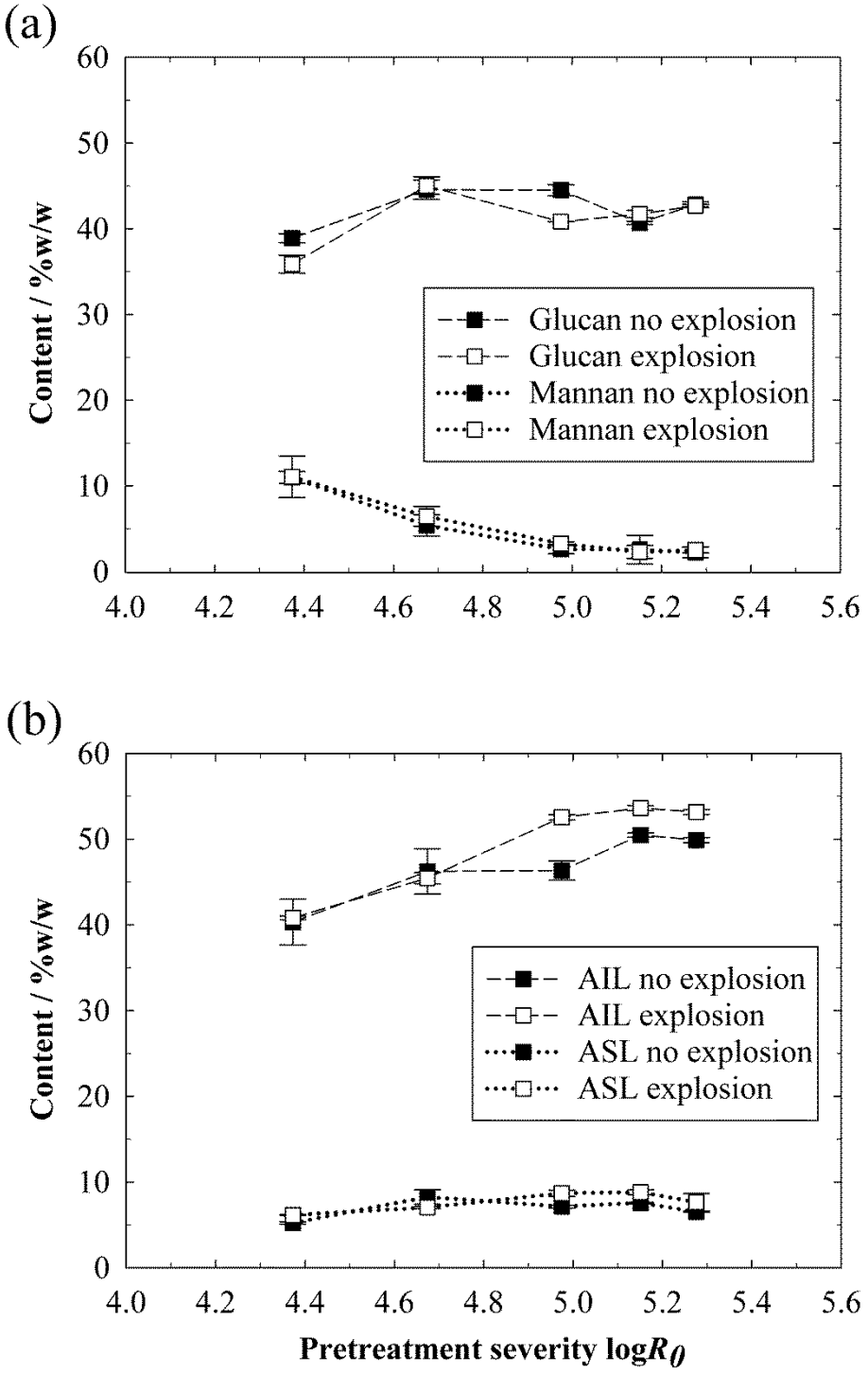

Fig. S2 Carbohydrate (a) and lignin (b) contents of spruce wood chips after steam pretreatments at different severities with and without explosion. AIL: acid insoluble lignin, ASL: acid soluble lignin. Pretreatment conditions: T=235 °C, t=2.5-20 min, Δp explosion=30 bar.

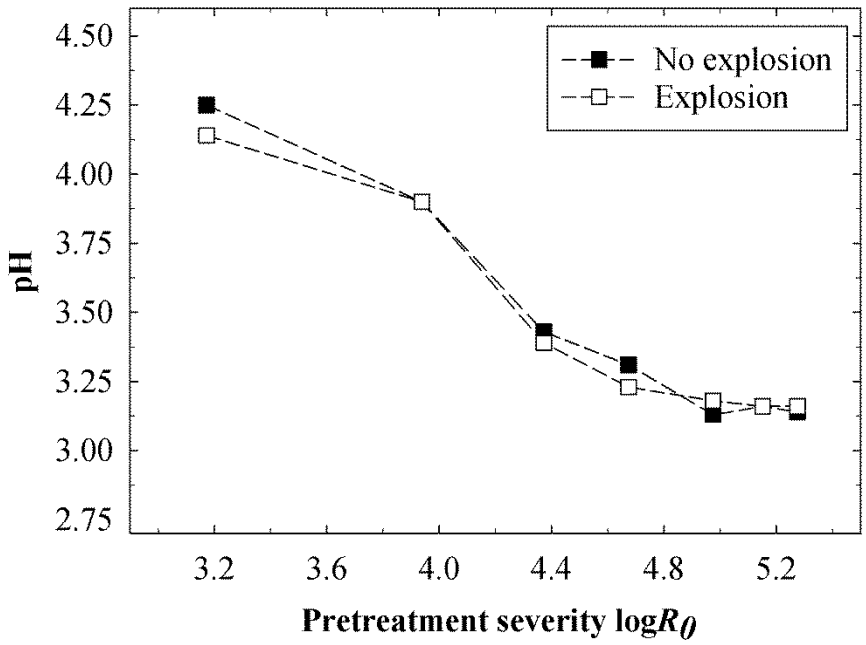

Fig. S3 pH of pretreatment liquor after pretreatments at different severities with and without explosion. Pretreatment conditions: T=184 °C, t=5 min (logR_0=3.2); T=210 °C, t=5 min (logR_0=3.9); T=235 °C, t=2.5-20 min (logR_0=4.4-5.3).